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Pope Francis and Cuba's Fidel Castro shake hands, in Havana, Cuba, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015. The Vatican described the 40-minute meeting at Castro's residence as informal and familial, with an exchange of books. (AP Photo/Alex Castro) Page 3

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Pope Meets Fidel Castro After Warning Against Ideology

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HAVANA (AP) — Pope Francis met with Fidel Castro on Sunday after urging thousands of Cubans to serve one another and not an ideology, delivering a subtle jab at the communist system during a Mass celebrated under the gaze of an image of Che Guevara in Havana's iconic Revolution Plaza. The Vatican described the 40-minute meeting at Castro's residence as informal and familial, with an exchange of books and discussion about big issues facing humanity, including Francis' recent encyclical on the environment and the global economic system. Unlike the 2012 visit of Benedict XVI, when Castro peppered the German theologian with questions, the meeting with Francis was more of a conversation, papal spokesman the Rev. Frederico Lombardi said.

A photo provided by Alex Castro, Fidel's son and official photographer, showed the 89-year-old former president and Francis looking into each other's eye as they shook hands, the pope in his white vestments and Castro in a white button-down shirt and Adidas sweat top. Castro appeared to be gripping another, unidentified man for support.

Francis called on Castro after celebrating Mass in Havana's main plaza on his first full day in Cuba. Believers and non-believers alike streamed into the square before dawn, and they erupted in cheers when history's first Latin American

than 10 percent practice their faith and Cuba is the least Catholic country in Latin America. The crowd was not as big as when St. John Paul II became the first pope to visit the island in 1998, but it drew people who seemed to genuinely

In his homily delivered under the gaze of a metal portrait of revolutionary fighter Che Guevara, Francis urged Cubans to care for one another out of a sense of service, not ideology. He encouraged them to refrain from judging

ideas, we serve people."

Many Cubans complain about the rigidity of Cuba's system in which nearly every aspect of life is controlled by the government, from cultural institutions to block-level neighborhood watch committees. While the system has softened in recent years, Cubans can be excluded or lose benefits if they are perceived as being disloyal or unfaithful to the principles of the revolution. Cubans are also increasingly concerned about growing inequality on the communist island, in which those with access to foreign capital live lives of relative luxury while others can barely feed themselves, generating jealousy and division within families and society at large.

"Being a Christian entails promoting the dignity of our brothers and sisters, fighting for it, living for it," Francis told the crowd. "That is why Christians are constantly called to set aside their own wishes and desires, their pursuit of power, and to look instead to those who are most vulnerable." Maria Regla González, a 57-year-old teacher, said she appreciated Francis' message of reconciliation and unity for all Cubans, and said Francis was particularly able to convey it given he is Latin American and speaks their language. □



Pope Francis arrives to celebrate Mass in Revolution Square in Havana, Cuba, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015. Pope Francis opens his first full day in Cuba on Sunday with what normally would be the culminating highlight of a papal visit: Mass before hundreds of thousands of people in Havana's Revolution Plaza.

(Tony Gentile/POOL via AP)

pope spun through the crowd in his open-sided popemobile. Francis didn't disappoint, winding his way slowly through the masses and stopping to kiss children held up to him. While most Cubans are nominally Catholic, fewer

want to be there and listen to Francis' message.

"This is very important for us," said Mauren Gomez, 40, who traveled some 250 kilometers (155 miles) from Villa Clara to Havana by bus, spending her time reciting the Rosary.

each other by "looking to one side or the other to see what our neighbor is doing or not doing."

"Whoever wishes to be great must serve others, not be served by others," he said. "Service is never ideological, for we do not serve

Kerry: US to accept 85,000 refugees in 2016, 100,000 in 2017

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BERLIN (AP) — Scrambling to address a growing Syrian refugee crisis, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry announced Sunday that the United States would significantly increase the number of worldwide migrants it takes in over the next two years, though not by nearly the amount many activists and former officials have urged.

The U.S. will accept 85,000 refugees from around the world next year, up from 70,000, and that total would rise to 100,000 in 2017, Kerry said at news conference with German Foreign Minister Frank-

Walter Steinmeier after they discussed the mass migration of Syrians fleeing their civil war. Many, though not all, of the additional refugees would be Syrian, American officials have said. Others would come from strife-torn areas of Africa. The White House had previously announced it intended to take in 10,000 additional Syrian refugees over the next year.

Asked why the U.S. couldn't take more, Kerry cited post-Sept. 11 screening requirements and a lack of money made available by Congress.

"We're doing what we know we can manage immediately," he said,



US Secretary of State John Kerry meets with refugees fleeing Syria, at Villa Borsig, on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, in Berlin.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci, Pool)

adding that the U.S. cannot take shortcuts on security checks. U.S. lawmakers immediately expressed concerns about the potential influx.

The Islamic State group and other terrorist organizations "have made it abundantly clear that they will use the refugee crisis to try to enter the United States. Now the Obama administration wants to bring in an additional 10,000 Syrians without a concrete and foolproof plan to ensure that terrorists won't be able to enter the country," said U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and U.S. Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va. □

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Republicans want to broaden appeal; candidates hurt effort

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A leading Republican presidential candidate says he doesn't believe that a Muslim should be elected to the nation's top office, stirring up yet another controversy for a party that professes a commitment to broaden its appeal and promote tolerance. Presidential candidate Ben Carson, a devout Christian, says a president's faith should matter to voters if it runs counter to the values and principles of

America. Responding to a question during an interview broadcast Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," the retired neurosurgeon described the Islamic faith as inconsistent with the U.S. Constitution.

"I would not advocate that we put a Muslim in charge of this nation," Carson said in an interview aired Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." "I absolutely would not agree with that." He did not specify in what way Islam ran counter to constitutional principles.

Carson has been running right behind businessman

Donald Trump in nationwide and early-voting state polls. He has been picking up support by appealing to socially conservative evangelical voters, a key Republican voting bloc in the Iowa caucuses which lead off the state-by-state nominating contests next year. Republican leaders had hoped that the 2016 campaign would offer a chance at redemption and the opportunity to make a fresh pitch to minorities, gays, women and others beyond the party's traditional core supporters. After a blistering examina-



Republican presidential candidate and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson speaks during a forum, in Manchester, N.H. Responding to a question during an interview broadcast Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, on NBC's "Meet the Press," Carson, a devout Christian, said Islam is antithetical to the Constitution and he doesn't believe that a Muslim should be elected president.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

tion of the 2012 election, a report commissioned by Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus concluded that "if our party is not welcoming and inclusive, young people and increasingly other voters will continue to tune us out."

But it hasn't unfolded according to the leadership's hoped-for script, with some high-profile candidates inviting lots of eyebrow-raising. Just in the past few days, their comments have underscored that the problems extend beyond Republicans' well-documented troubles appealing to Hispanics.

To be sure, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and several other candidates have disavowed some of that rhetoric or tried to stake out more moderate positions.

It can be tough, though, to avoid getting drowned out by language sure to stir up people. Front-runner Trump declined to correct a town hall participant who wrongly said President Barack Obama was a Muslim. Days later, Carson spoke about Muslims and the presidency — remarks described as "un-American," by a spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Ibrahim Hooper. Hooper said the Constitution expressly bars religious tests for those seeking public office.

"To me this really means he is not qualified to be president of the United States," Hooper said. "You cannot hold these kinds of views and at the same time say you will represent all Americans, of all faiths and backgrounds." □

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Phoenix freeway shooting suspect: 'I'm the wrong guy'



Leslie Allen Merritt Jr., makes his way to appear before a judge at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015, in Phoenix. The landscaper is the suspect in a series of Phoenix freeway shootings and was arrested Friday after trying to sell a gun at a pawn shop.

(Rob Schumacher/The Arizona Republic via AP, Pool)

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PHOENIX (AP) — A landscaper arrested in a series of Phoenix freeway shootings told a judge that authorities have "the wrong guy" as investigators stood by their detective work that traced the gun to the suspect after he took it to a pawn shop.

Leslie Allen Merritt Jr. was charged Saturday with counts including aggravated assault, criminal damage, disorderly conduct, carrying out a drive-by shooting and intentional acts of terrorism.

In a brief court appearance, a prosecutor said the 21-year-old should face a high bail after drivers spent the last three weeks on edge.

"The suspect presents a dramatic and profound threat to the community,"

said Ed Leiter of the Maricopa County attorney's office.

Superior Court Commissioner Lisa Roberts set bail at \$1 million, and Merritt, who had remained quiet during the proceedings, asked in a soft-spoken voice to address the court. "All I have to say is I'm the wrong guy. I tried telling the detectives that. My gun's been in the pawn shop the last two months. I haven't even had access to a weapon," he said as he stood handcuffed in a black and white striped jail uniform.

But a charging document released late Saturday night by Maricopa Superior Court said that investigators determined Merritt had not pawned his gun at the time of the incidents.

Merritt was arrested Friday evening after a SWAT team swarmed him at a Wal-Mart

in the suburb of Glendale. Minutes later, Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey proclaimed on Twitter, "We got him!" Arizona Department of Public Safety spokesman Bart Graves said the break in the case was the result of exhaustive investigative work in which weapons from local pawn shops were test-fired at the state crime lab.

Graves said evidence from shell casings and bullet fragments determined that a gun Merritt pawned was used in four of the shootings on Aug. 29 and 30. A tour bus, SUV and two cars were hit by bullets on Interstate 10 on those days.

Graves declined to comment on Merritt's statement in court that his gun was in the pawn shop at the time of the shootings

and similar statements made by his family.

"The evidence as you'll see in the next couple of days speaks for itself," Graves said. "We're not going to get in a debate about that."

Tom Mangan, a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which has been assisting in the investigation, said the evidence gathered by DPS leaves "no doubt" the gun used was the one owned and pawned by Merritt.

The charging document released Saturday night said that investigators determined by testing that the bullets and the bullet fragments from four incidents came from a gun that was owned by the suspect. □

Alabama:

3 people hurt in church shooting

EAST SELMA, Alabama (AP) — A man has been charged with three counts of attempted murder after shooting his girlfriend, their baby and a clergyman at a church in Alabama, authorities said Sunday.

James Junior Minter, 26, of Selma, Alabama, was arrested after opening fire during services at the Oasis Tabernacle Church in East Selma, Alabama, according to Dallas County District Attorney Michael Jackson. Jackson said the woman

was Minter's girlfriend and that the shooting stemmed from a domestic situation. Witnesses told police that Minter entered the church and sat in the front row between his girlfriend and the baby, according to a statement released by the Selma Police Department. Minter then pulled out a handgun and started shooting, the statement said. The girlfriend fell to the ground, and Minter fired at her, striking her in the jaw and shoulder. □

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Visits by pope, China leader test Obama's social secretary

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The diplomatic double whammy of back-to-back visits by Pope Francis and Chinese President Xi Jinping is creating some pressure-filled days for Deesha Dyer, five months into her tenure as White House social secretary.

No wonder a scented candle is among the half-dozen "must-have" items she keeps in her small office.

"It provides a calm, peaceful atmosphere, which is important in this job," Dyer said.

Dyer has worked at the White House since 2009, starting as an intern and rising to deputy social secretary before Obama and his wife, Michelle, moved



White House Social Secretary Deesha Dyer is seen in the East Room of the White House in Washington. The diplomatic double whammy of back-to-back visits by Pope Francis and Chinese President Xi Jinping is creating some pressure-filled days for Dyer, five months into her tenure as White House social secretary.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

her into the top job in April. The Philadelphia native has overseen the planning and execution of scores of

events since then, though none as important politically or on as grand a scale as the Francis and Xi visits.

On Wednesday, Francis will become just the third pope to visit the White House, one stop on his first U.S. trip. Xi arrives two days later on a lavish state visit, putting Obama in the awkward position of toasting the head of a country he blames for certain unacceptable practices, including cyberattacks against U.S. government and corporate computer systems.

China is the only country whose leader Obama has invited for a repeat state visit.

That fact alone has Dyer and her six-person team searching for answers to a basic question: How to make next Friday's dinner better than the one in 2011, for then-President Hu Jintao?

Lea Berman, who held the social secretary job for a couple of years under President George W. Bush, said the upcoming week would test anyone, with five months or five years of experience.

She said the 37-year-old Dyer, one of the youngest social secretaries in recent memory, has an important factor working in her favor: the confidence of the president and first lady.

"She knows what the expectations are," Berman said. "She's been there for years and knows how things work."

Desiree Rogers, the Obamas' first social secretary, said having one day between such big visits could create logistical challenges for the relatively small White House staff.

"The flip side to that is you're in a groove, so you just keep going," said Rogers, who left the White House a few months after the Obamas' first state dinner for Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in No-

vember 2009.

Dyer and her team are finalizing checklists for separate South Lawn arrival ceremonies and Oval Office meetings, along with a black-tie state dinner for the Chinese leader that will be attended by hundreds of guests at a cost to U.S. taxpayers of about \$500,000. White House chefs will handle the menu.

Some Republican presidential candidates have called on Obama to cancel or downgrade Xi's red-carpet visit, citing China's "frenemy" status.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest has defended the invitation, saying Obama believes engaging with China is an effective way to advance U.S. interests around the world, citing climate change and policy toward Iran as examples.

Rogers noted that Dyer is overseeing the visits while continuing to plan daily White House events, including Obama's recent meetings with Saudi Arabia's King Salman and Spain's King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia, and an East Room ceremony where Obama awarded national medals for contributions to the arts and humanities.

Once the pope and China's president are en route to their next stops, Dyer's focus will shift to New York and events the Obamas are hosting there in conjunction with the annual U.N. General Assembly. Mrs. Obama typically welcomes the spouses of many of the foreign leaders to a gathering held in the New York City area.

Dyer came to the White House in 2009 as a 31-year-old unpaid intern, and at one point traveled with the Obamas to manage their lodging and logistics. □



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US Financial Front:

Autos and restaurants push US retail sales higher in August



Shoppers check out the sale at an ALDO store in the Mall at Robinson, in Robinson Township, Pa. Americans stepped up their spending on cars, restaurant meals, groceries and clothing in August. (AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Americans stepped up their spending on cars, restaurant meals, groceries and clothing in August, suggesting that consumers will help sustain U.S. economic growth despite a broader global slowdown.

The Commerce Department said last week that retail sales rose 0.2 percent last month, after advancing 0.7 percent in July. Sales have increased 2.2 percent over the past 12 months, as solid hiring has translated into surges in spending at auto dealers and dining establishments.

"There was more spending on 'wants' last month" such as eating out, sport-

ing goods and electronics, said Jennifer Lee, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. "These are areas that suggest consumers are ready and willing to splurge a little on items outside of the basic necessities."

Retail sales have been fed this year by solid and steady job gains. The hiring — 2.9 million additional jobs over the past 12 months — has translated into a surge of spending at auto dealers and restaurants. The U.S. economy has become increasingly reliant on consumer spending to maintain growth as Europe and China have struggled to expand at a faster pace.

Carmakers are on pace to top vehicle sales of 17 million for the first time since

2001. Nearly a fifth of all retail sales tracked by the government come from the auto industry. Sales at dealerships and parts stores have risen 5.7 percent during the past 12 months, as many Americans are replacing their older vehicles. Auto retailers reported a 0.7 percent increase in August. The healing job market also has Americans getting out of their own dining rooms more frequently, which has been a boon for restau-

rants that had suffered in the wake of the recessions as people watched every dime. Purchases at restaurants and bars increased 0.7 percent in August and have soared 8.2 percent this year. And dining establishments have added more than 372,000 workers over the past year to satiate the new businesses. Sales also improved last month at grocers, clothiers, sporting goods stores, electronics outlets and on-

line retailers. Still, retail sales growth has been much more modest. This largely stems from gasoline being dramatically cheaper, causing purchases at service stations to plummet 17.2 percent since August 2014. Consumers have mostly pocketed the savings, instead of shifting their spending elsewhere as gas costs averaged \$2.33 a gallon nationwide — a 31.5 percent drop over the past year, according to AAA. □

Illinois:

State fires Lottery manager Northstar

CHICAGO (AP) — The state of Illinois reached an agreement to terminate the contract of Northstar Lottery Group, the private company managing the state's lottery, the governor's office said this week-end.

A new private manager will take over day-to-day operation of the lottery by Jan.

1, 2017, under a pact disclosed by Gov. Bruce Rauner's general counsel Jason Barclay. The move comes after a legislative report earlier this month revealed the Lottery lost money last year for the first time since 2009, reducing the amount of money it generates for state programming by \$125 million. □



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Greece:

Left-wing Syriza wins vote, will form coalition government

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A jubilant Alexis Tsipras vowed to continue fighting for his country's pride and to quickly form a coalition government after his left-wing Syriza party comfortably won Greece's third national vote this year on Sunday. The result was a resounding success for Tsipras' high-risk gamble when he resigned as prime minister last month and triggered an early election, barely seven months into his four-year term, in order to face down an internal Syriza rebellion over his policy U-turn to accept painful austerity measures in return for Greece's third international bailout.

With 66 percent of the vote counted, Syriza stood at 35.4 percent of the vote and 145 seats in the 300-member parliament, followed by the conservative New Democracy with 28.3 percent and the Nazi-inspired Golden Dawn in third place with 7 percent. Abstention was particularly high, at nearly 45 percent in an election-weary country with a traditionally high voter turnout.

It was the third time this year Greeks have voted, after the January election that brought Tsipras to power on an anti-bailout platform, and a July referendum he called urging Greeks to reject creditor reform proposals, which they resoundingly did — shortly before Tsipras then ac-



Left-wing Syriza party leader Alexis Tsipras, left, embraces leader of the right-wing Independent Greeks party Panos Kammenos after his general election victory, at Syriza's party's main electoral center in Athens, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015. Tsipras said he would renew his partnership with Kammenos in coalition government.

cepted similar proposals as part of the new bailout. Six seats shy of an absolute majority, Tsipras said he would form a government

with his previous coalition partner, the right-wing Independent Greeks of Panos Kammenos, who joined him on stage to rapturous

applause from dancing, cheering Syriza supporters in central Athens. The Independent Greeks were in seventh place with 3.6 percent of the vote and 10 parliamentary seats.

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this great victory, a clear victory, a victory of the people," Tsipras said. "I feel vindicated because the Greek people gave us a clear mandate to continue our struggle, inside and outside the country to lift our country's pride."

The 41-year-old vowed to govern for a full four-year term — something few Greek governments have managed, particularly since the country became dependent on international bailouts five years ago.

(AP Photo/Leffteris Pitarakis)

Russian opposition holds large anti-Putin protest

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MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's beleaguered opposition drew several thousand people on Sunday to a protest rally in an outlying Moscow neighborhood to decry the 15-year rule of President Vladimir Putin. Protesters denounced the Kremlin-controlled political system that keeps Putin in power and prevents the opposition from running in

elections. They complained of political repression and official corruption.

Opposition leader Alexei Navalny called on Russians not to give up hope that they can make a difference. He said the opposition's mission was "to work with those who don't believe" that anything can be changed.

The Kremlin intensified its crackdown on the opposition after anti-Putin protests

drew as many as 100,000 people in the winter of 2011-2012.

The protests were set off by parliamentary elections won by the Kremlin party through what independent observers said was widespread fraud and by Putin's decision to return to the presidency for a third term after four years as prime minister.

Irina Yegorova, 50, who held a sign saying "Putin is

not a czar, he's a bureaucrat," said she came to the protest even though she no longer sees a way forward. She said the government will "put more people in jail" and Russia's economy will continue to suffer.

"There is no investment. They are stealing and stealing and stealing," Yegorova said. "We don't have hope anymore."

Protesters said it was wrong to have a system of gov-

ernment where the leader does not change. "It's not like your wife that you're married to your whole life," said 65-year-old Vladimir Semyonovich, who gave his patronymic but not his last name.

The protest was relegated to the southeastern Maryino neighborhood because the city government refused to allow the opposition to rally in central Moscow.

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Migrants desperate for sanctuary in Europe pack trains

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Associated Press

TOVARNIK, Croatia (AP)

— Migrants desperate to find sanctuary in Europe climbed through windows and fought for space on trains headed north Sunday as border closures and plunging temperatures increased tensions among thousands in a desperate rush to keep moving. Scuffles broke out in this Croatian border town when hundreds of people surged toward a train they hoped would take them to Austria. Police tried to hold back the crowd, but were overwhelmed as migrants tried to climb through the windows of the already packed carriages.

Hungary, which closed its border with Serbia on Sept. 15, erected another steel barrier at the Beremend border crossing from Croatia to try to slow the flow of migrants. But they kept coming.

The sense of desperation increased for migrants as days of intense heat gave way to rain.

"Unfortunately, we sleep here on the ground without anything. It was very cold," said Muhammad Dakiri, a Syrian asylum seeker in Tovarnik.

"Suddenly the weather has turned to cold and raining. We couldn't sleep well because in an hour or half an hour we wake up because we're feeling cold."

Volunteers handed out tents and warm clothes to make people more comfortable. But migrants abandoned the supplies when word of the train spread through their makeshift encampment, leaving tents, rain slickers and food strewn across the town square.



Migrants and refugees board a train by climbing through the windows as they try to avoid a police barrier at the station in Tovarnik, Croatia, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015. Police said Saturday more people are coming in from Serbia, mostly near the eastern border town of Tovarnik, where there are already around 2,500 people waiting for transport.

(AP Photo/Manu Brabo)

Hungary's decision to shut its border with Serbia set off a chain reaction in Croatia and Slovenia that has forced people fleeing violence in the Middle East, Asia and Africa to rush from one European border to the next as they desperately try to find a way north. Thousands more continue to brave the Mediterranean in rickety boats as they try to reach more welcoming countries like Germany and

Sweden.

The surge of migrants continues to exact casualties. Two migrant vessels sank in the eastern Mediterranean on Sunday, killing 13 people. Authorities from Greece to Austria and are struggling to respond. About 15,000 migrants crossed into Austria from Hungary and Croatia over the weekend. In the Austrian border village of Nickelsdorf, people arrived by foot Sunday after a half-hour walk from the Hungarian town of Hegyeshalom. Then they lined up for buses to take them to shelters in Vienna and other parts of the country. Austrian soldiers stood alongside. Austrian officials are scrambling to find places for the migrants to stay because many camps are already overcrowded. □

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More than 20 Afghan civilians and police wounded in attacks

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Three people, including two police officers, were wounded in a suicide attack Sunday in Afghanistan, while 21 other civilians were wounded in a separate attack. Zia Durani, spokesman for the police chief in southern Kandahar province, said that the suicide car bomber targeted

a police checkpoint in the Daman district. Elsewhere, 16 civilians were wounded after a bomb hidden near an electric station exploded in eastern Kunar province, said Gen. Abdul Habib Sayedkhaili, the provincial police chief. Meanwhile five civilians were wounded after a bomb attached to a motorbike ex-

ploded in Aibak, the capital of northern Samangan province, said Sediq Azizi, spokesman for the governor. No any group has immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks. In another report from eastern Paktia province, five police officers were killed late Saturday afternoon when their vehicle was hit by a road-

side bomb in the Zurmat district, said Gen. Mohammad Zaman Khosti, deputy provincial police chief on Sunday. Khosti added that the officers were on their way from Zurmat toward Gardez, the provincial capital, in a private vehicle when they came under the attack. Taliban insurgents have stepped

up their attacks on Afghan soldiers and police in recent months, using roadside bomb attacks and suicide attacks. Afghan security forces are now solely in charge of the public safety across the country after U.S. and NATO forces formally ended their combat mission at the end of last year. □

Yemen rebels release foreign hostages, including 2 Americans



People stand amid the rubble of a house damaged by Saudi-led airstrike in the old city of Sanaa, Yemen. (AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press
SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's Shiite Houthi rebels have released six foreign hostages, including two Americans, and flown them to the Gulf country

of Oman, which helped negotiate their release, officials said Sunday. Oman's Foreign Ministry said two Americans, three Saudis and a British citizen were released following mediation efforts by dip-

lomats acting on behalf of Sultan Qaboos bin Said, according to a statement carried by state-run media. It did not elaborate. The White House confirmed that two Americans had been freed and sent to Oman, which it thanked for helping to secure their release. A statement from the National Security Council did not identify the Americans or detail the circumstances of their captivity or their release. The White House said it had "worked tirelessly to secure the release" of the Americans since they were taken earlier this year. "This outcome underscores that we have been and will continue to be tireless in pursuing the release of

all Americans detained abroad unjustly, including those who remain in the region," the statement said. A spokesman for a New Orleans-based logistics company, Transoceanic Development, confirmed that employee Scott Darden, 45, was freed. Darden was helping to deliver aid throughout the region for Transoceanic and relief organizations among its clients. It was not immediately clear who the other hostages were. Yemen has been torn by a ferocious war pitting the Houthis and forces loyal to a former president against fighters loyal to exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, as well as southern separatists, local militias

and Sunni extremists. The conflict escalated in March as a Saudi-led, U.S.-backed coalition launched an air campaign against the Houthis. Houthi officials and officials at the airport had earlier said the hostages included three Americans, two Saudis and a British citizen. The reason for the discrepancy was not immediately clear. It was also not immediately clear when the hostages had been seized. Officials from the Houthi media center refused to explain why they had detained the hostages, but said at least one of them is a journalist who "entered the country illegally" and "worked without notifying the authorities." □

Lebanese protesters face off with security forces in Beirut

SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press
BEIRUT (AP) — Hundreds of Lebanese protesters pushed through a security cordon as they marched toward parliament on Sunday, the latest in a series of demonstrations that began with a trash crisis but has since expanded to target the country's political class. Thousands marched through the streets of Beirut earlier in the day to press their demands for holding

government officials accountable and new parliamentary elections. They also called for a sustainable solution to the trash piling in the streets of Beirut. Security forces blocked off streets leading to the parliament building, the final destination of the rally. The protesters raised their hands in the air to show they were unarmed, chanting "peaceful." "The people are the source of authority," protest orga-

nizer Ajwad Ayyash told the crowd, which was thinning by evening. "This is the square of the people. And we insist we must enter it so that we can have elections." The square, Place de l'Etoile, is outside the parliament building. Lebanon's parliament has extended its term twice in a controversial move amid disputes over a new election law. The last elections were in 2009.

After more than an hour of standoff and some scuffles, protesters broke through the cordon. Police let them into the street leading to the square and the parliament, but set up a new cordon closer to the parliament building. Additional security forces were deployed as tension grew. What started in July as protests against trash piling in the streets is turning into Lebanon's largest protest

movement in years, targeting an entire political class. The movement is growing to include different groups with varied grievances about government dysfunction. There has been recurrent friction between police and protesters. Earlier Sunday, angry supporters of the parliament speaker, Nabih Berri, attacked a group of protesters waving a photo of him and accusing him and others of corruption. □



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Nepal formally adopts constitution amid stepped-up security

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Associated Press

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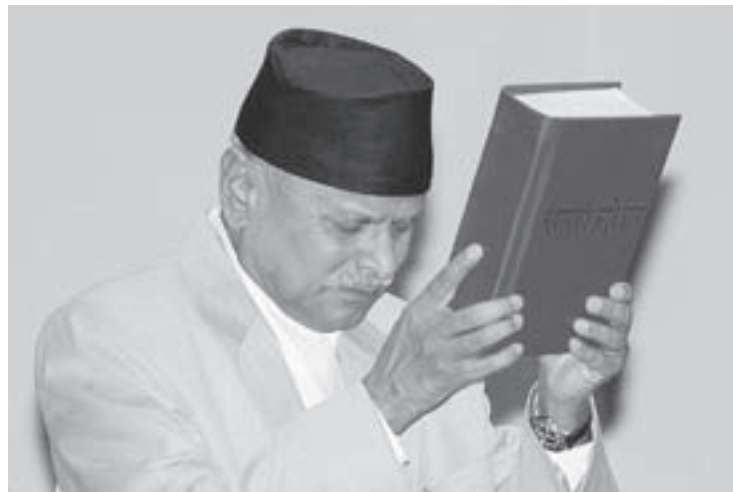
Nepal on Sunday formally adopted a much anticipated and long-delayed constitution that took more than seven years to complete following a decade of political infighting.

Security was stepped up across the nation, with smaller political parties and ethnic groups opposed to the new charter issuing fresh threats of violence.

President Ram Baran Yadav signed the constitution and made the proclamation announcement, setting off a roar of applause from members of the Constituent Assembly in Kathmandu.

"We believe that the adoption of the new constitution has now opened the path for development of the country," Yadav told the assembly.

The new constitution re-



Nepalese President Ram Baran Yadav displays the constitution, formally adopted following a decade of political infighting, in Kathmandu, Nepal, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015. Yadav signed the constitution and made the proclamation announcement, setting off a roar of applause from members of the Constituent Assembly in Kathmandu. (AP Photo/Bikram Rai)

places an interim one that was supposed to be in effect for only a couple of years but has governed the nation since 2007.

Thousands of people who gathered outside the assembly hall cheered after the announcement was made, waving the national

flag as fireworks went off. In the streets of Kathmandu, the capital, people lit oil lamps and candles and buildings were decorated with colored lights.

"Congratulations to all Nepalese" read a white and red banner strung across a street.

"This really long chapter is now finally closed," said Shyam Sharma, a student who watched the president's motorcade drive toward the assembly. "Now the country can focus on other important issues like developing the country, improving the economy. If these politicians had agreed a few years back, we would not have wasted so much time, energy and money."

The key part of the constitution, passed on Wednesday after a decade of bickering and violent protests, sets the country up as a secular federation of seven states, each with a legislature and chief minister.

However, some ethnic and religious groups say lawmakers ignored their concerns over how state borders should be defined. They want more states, including ethnically based

ones, bigger territory for larger groups and more seats for ethnic minorities in parliament and government.

Laxman Lal Karna, a senior leader of the Madhesi ethnic group in southern Nepal, said the new constitution failed to address many of the issues and that protests would continue.

The violence over the past several weeks has left at least 45 people dead. Police said clashes between officers and protesters on Sunday left one demonstrator dead near Birgunj town in southern Nepal.

The three main political parties backing the constitution have made a fresh appeal for Madhesi to join talks.

"They may disagree with the size and makeup of these states, but that is not a really big issue," Prime Minister Sushil Koirala said Saturday. □




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Pope in Cuba begs Colombia, rebels to end conflict



Pope Francis celebrates Mass in Revolution Square in Havana, Cuba, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015. Pope Francis begged the Colombian government and rebels on Sunday to end South America's longest-running conflict, saying they simply had no right to let ongoing peace talks fail.

(Tony Gentile/POOL via AP)

to let ongoing peace talks fail.

Fresh off his personal appeal to the U.S. and Cuban leaders to end their half-century of estrangement, Francis issued his plea to Colombia's warring factions from Havana's Revolution Plaza at the end of his Sunday Mass. Cuba has hosted peace talks for more than two years between the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and representatives of Bogota.

Francis said the talks face a "crucial" moment.

"May the blood shed by thousands of innocent people during long decades of armed conflict" sustain efforts to find a definitive peace, he said. "Please, we do not have the right to allow ourselves yet another failure on this path of peace and reconciliation." Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, who has pushed the talks, issued a tweet in response to thank the pope "for your permanent prayers. We will continue on the road of peace and reconciliation."

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The FARC leader known by his alias Ivan Marquez quoted the pope in a tweet of his own: "As the pope said: We don't have the right to allow another failure in this path of peace and reconciliation. We need a peaceful society."

In his remarks, Francis added on a word of gratitude to President Raul Castro for his efforts to assist the negotiations; the appeal was followed by a round of applause from the crowd.

In more than two years of negotiations, rebel and government negotiators have reached tentative agreements on land reform, how to jointly combat drug trafficking and the future role in politics for guerrillas that lay down their weapons. The rebel movement, known as the FARC, in recent months also has largely adhered to a unilateral cease-fire, prompting the government to suspend the aerial bombing of guerrilla camps. □

NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Pope Francis begged the Colombian government and rebels on Sunday to end South America's longest-running conflict, saying they simply had no right

Brazil:

Police arrest alleged major drug trafficker

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazilian police have arrested a man they say is one of the country's biggest international drug traffickers. The Sao Paulo Public Safety Department said in a statement posted on its website that police caught Brazilian Mario Sergio Machado Nunes this weekend in a luxury apartment in the seaside resort city of Guarujá. Interpol had also issued an arrest warrant for Nunes.

The statement said that for several years Nunes evaded arrest thanks to plastic surgery on his face.

Police inspector Alberto Matheus told reporters Nunes was the head of an international organization that distributed cocaine to 27 countries, including the United States, Spain, Belgium, France and South Africa.

Police said Nunes used to negotiate with the late drug kingpin Pablo Escobar of Colombia's Medellin cartel in the 1980s. They say he also worked closely with Henry de Jesus Lopez Londono, who was arrested last year in Buenos Aires. They say Londono headed the Urabenos gang in Co-

lombia.

"He never laid hands on the drugs. He was in charge of administrating the drug shipments in containers," Matheus said.

Police said Nunes financed the construction of a submarine to be used in drug trafficking operations.

Phone calls to the Public Safety and police departments for more details went unanswered on Saturday.

The G1 news portal said the submarine was going to be built in South Africa with Colombian engineers. The submarine was never built. □



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the soccer match of Borussia Dortmund and Schalke '04. Philips was there to visit the game and Maya was working there.

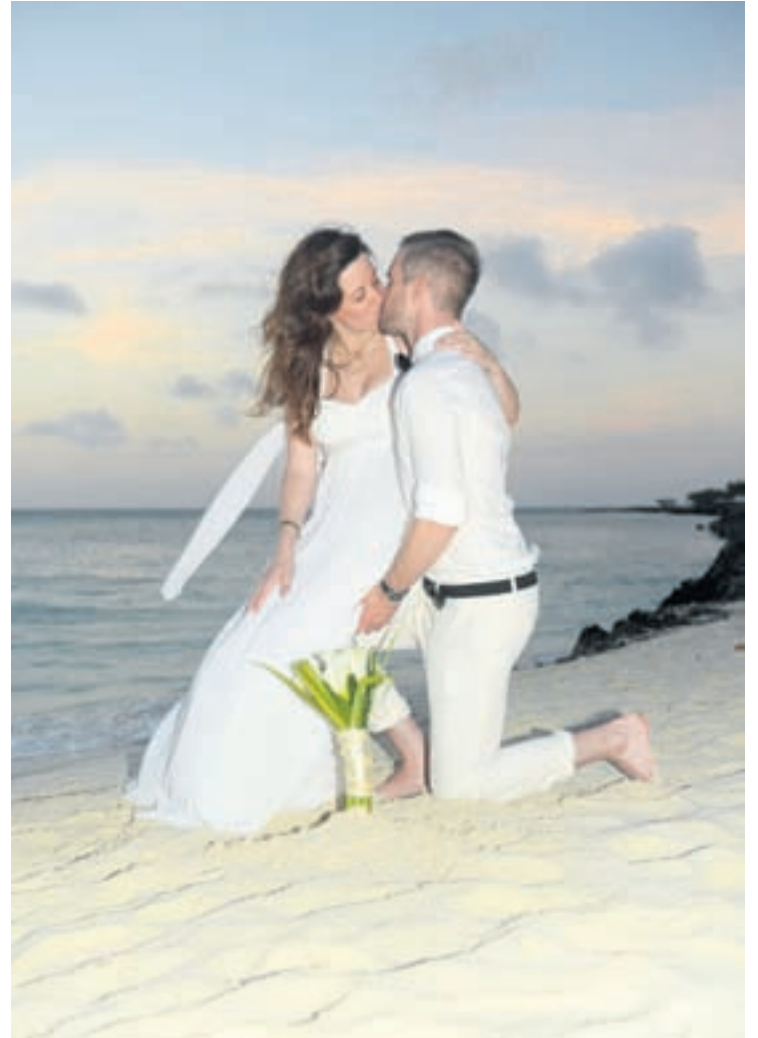
They teased each other over which team would win. And between those teams the rivalry is big, so the two made a bet who would win, and Maya won

the bet, so Philips invited Maya to a sushi dinner.

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about it. They tell us, “Everything is great on the island – really awesome! We are enjoying our honeymoon, and we are looking

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strictions often don't realize that it's perfectly possible to prepare great tasting dishes without gluten, dairy or other possible allergens" says Chef Urvin. Besides the regular menu items, with at least 24 hour advance notice, the restaurant can accommodate most dietary restrictions or allergies. The concept at the Kitchen Table by White, with a monthly changing set-menu, is a bit different. Yet, knowing that there will be groups or couples where one or more persons have restrictions, The Kitchen Table will facilitate these guests graciously. It does require at least 24 hour notice as the right ingredients need to be purchased and prepared, but for the chefs at both White Modern Cuisine and The Kitchen Table the opportunity to become creative with a specific set of ingredients is always a nice professional challenge they take on with gusto. Chef Urvin: "As I learned to cook, I discovered the pleasure it gives me to take ingredients and play with flavors to surprise my

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Evelyne Boekhoudt Completes Five Years of Outstanding Service



NOORD – Front Desk Supervisor Kenjah Howell and Human Resources Manager Mary Werleman, had the distinct pleasure of inviting Evelyne Boukhoudt for lunch on the occasion of Evelyne's fifth anniversary on the job at Caribbean Palm Village Resort. Employed as a front desk

agent, Evelyne says she likes the laid-back pace and the peaceful, casual atmosphere at the resort where guests are familiar with staff members and staff members recognize guests by name, having had the pleasure of checking them in and out multiple times over the past



years. Having worked at a more hectic front desk, at another hotel, Evelyn is grateful for the support and camaraderie she finds among her colleagues and enjoys

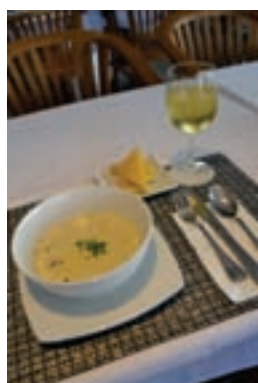
coming to work. On her off days, she banters she works harder, keeping up with her two daughters and their two kids, her adorable two granddaughters. Pictured here Kenjah and

Evelyn, as Evelyn is presented with the customary envelope, after lunch. Management wished Evelyn many more satisfying years at the Caribbean Palm Village Resort, front Desk. □

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Manziel's 2 TD passes lift Browns over Mariota, Titans 28-14

The Associated Press

Johnny Manziel threw a 60-yard touchdown pass to Travis Benjamin on Cleveland's second play and connected with his wide receiver again for a clutch 50-yarder with 2:52 left, giving the Browns a 28-14 win over the Tennessee Titans on Sunday.

Benjamin also returned a punt 78 yards for a TD in the first half as the Browns (1-1) got just their third home-opening win since 1999.

Starting in place of injured Josh McCown, Manziel finished 8 of 15 for 172 yards. His last completion was vintage Johnny Football as Manziel spun to his left to avoid pressure and threw deep to Benjamin.

Manziel won his Heisman Trophy matchup with Marcus Mariota, who threw two TD passes in the second half for the Titans (1-1), but took a pounding in his second game. The No. 2 overall pick was sacked seven times.

BUCCANEERS 29, SAINTS 19

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Jameis Winston passed for a touchdown and ran for another and Tampa Bay held on against mistake-prone New Orleans.

Winston, who was intercepted twice and sacked four times in a losing NFL debut at home a week earlier, remained largely composed in the hostile Superdome. He completed 14 of 21 passes for 207 yards and was not intercepted. He lost one fumble, but the Saints couldn't cash in.

VIKINGS 26, LIONS 16

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Adrian Peterson had 192 total yards and Minnesota rebounded from a rough season opener.

NFL capsules

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Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) throws a 50-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Travis Benjamin under pressure from Tennessee Titans defensive end Jurrell Casey during the second half of an NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, in Cleveland. The Browns won 28-14.

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U.S. stages comeback to win Solheim Cup after disputed call

CIARAN FAHEY

Associated Press

ST. LEON-ROT, Germany (AP) — After being infuriated by a call they found unsportsmanlike, the Americans staged the biggest comeback in Solheim Cup history Sunday to wrest the trophy back from Europe.

Paula Creamer defeated Germany's Sandra Gal to complete the turnaround and secure a 14½-13½ victory for the United States, which had trailed by four points going into the singles.

The match turned after American rookie Alison Lee was penalized for picking up the ball when she thought her putt was conceded in the morning four-balls, which had been suspended on Saturday.

"There's no way they could ever justify that. I don't care what you say, you just don't do that to your peers," U.S. captain Juli Inkster said. "I don't know if my team needed to be fired up anymore, but they were real fired up."

And they dominated the singles to claim their first title since 2009, denying the Europeans their first three-peat. The U.S. extended its series lead to 9-5. No team had ever come from more



Team United States celebrates with the trophy after beating Europe in the Golf Solheim Cup in St. Leon-Rot, Germany, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015.

than two down going into the singles.

"I am so proud of our team. We were in there this morning and we were just so fired up and ready to get out there and just play good golf," said Creamer, who won 4 and 3. "And this was so awesome. I

played great. Seeing the girls and seeing the red on the board, I'm so proud of them."

Europe led 10-6 going into the 12 singles but could only win three and draw another. Home golfer Caroline Masson missed the last big chance to retain the cup

for Europe, before Gerina Piller made her 9-foot putt to win her match by one hole and keep American hopes alive.

"For some reason I looked up at the board and all I saw was 13½," Piller said. "I'm like, this is it, it's all on me. It meant a lot to not let my team down,"

Cristie Kerr then had nine birdies in 11 holes as she beat Hull 3 and 2, and Angela Stanford ended her nine-match losing streak to beat Pettersen 2 and 1, before Creamer completed the turnaround.

Morgan Pressel, Alison Lee, Michelle Wie and Cristie Kerr also won for the

U.S., while Lexi Thompson won half a point in her all-square match against Carlota Ciganda of Spain.

"This is probably the closest knit group we've ever been a part of. We never stopped believing," Stanford said.

Pressel defeated Catriona Matthew of Scotland by 2 holes, Lee defeated Gwladys Nocera of France 3 and 1, Wie had eight birdies in a huge 6 and 4 win over Caroline Hedwall of Sweden, while Lizette Salas defeated Azahara Munoz of Spain 3 and 1.

Reid beat Brittany Lang 2 and 1, Karine Icher of France defeated Brittany Lincicome 3 and 2, and Anna Nordqvist of Sweden finished with a birdie to best Stacy Lewis 2 and 1.

But after an emotional day, it seemed it was the Americans who had actually benefited from the controversial call against Lee.

Both Lee and Hull were in tears after that match, and Inkster used the incident as motivational fuel in her team talk before the singles.

"When it happened to her, we all jumped in there and said we've got to change this, we've got to right a wrong," Lewis said.

Europe captain Carin Koch had said the ball went too far to concede.

"The rules are the rules. You have to follow the rules," Koch said.

After lifting the trophy, Inkster was ready to move on from the controversy.

"I'm over it," she said. "We got the cup." □



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Hamlin rallies to earn victory in opening round of playoffs



Denny Hamlin prepares to eat a Chicago style hot dog in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Chicagoland Speedway, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, in Joliet, Ill. Associated Press

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Denny Hamlin earned a surprise automatic berth into the second round of NASCAR's playoffs by rallying from last to victory lane Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway in the opening race of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. Kevin Harvick's hopes at a repeat season championship were decidedly in danger after contact with Jimmie Johnson on a restart ultimately led him to crash. Johnson went to Harvick's motorhome to speak to Harvick, but Harvick walked out of the bus and shoved Johnson in the chest with a closed fist. Harvick was separated from the six-time champion, but Johnson pointed at Harvick, who was restrained from getting at Johnson a second time. Harvick's wife, DeLana, exited a waiting car to walk

over to the bickering drivers and Harvick eventually retreated to the back-seat of the car as Johnson walked away. Harvick is last in the 16-driver field, and four drivers will be cut from the Chase in two weeks. Asked what he needs to do to stay in contention, he was blunt: "We've just got to go win one of these next two races." Hamlin is in coast mode for the next two races, at New Hampshire and then Dover, because his victory moves him into the second round. Only 12 drivers will advance into the second round, and a victory in any Chase race earns an automatic berth. "Go have some fun the next two weeks, that's for sure. Takes some pressure off of us," Hamlin said about his strategy for the next two weeks. It was a bit of a surprise win considering Hamlin — driving with a torn right

anterior cruciate ligament — had a horrible opening day of practice that cost him when qualifying was rained out Friday. The field was set by practice speed and Hamlin was 29th at the start. He then spun trying to pick his way through traffic on the second lap, dropped a lap down and was last in the field. But he and his JGR team didn't panic, then used a

gutsy call not to pit during the final caution to give Hamlin a shot at the victory. He jumped from third to first on the restart with five laps remaining, and gave JGR its ninth win in the last 12 races. JGR has won three consecutive Sprint Cup races, and celebrated an Xfinity Series victory on Saturday with Kyle Busch. Carl Edwards rallied from

a speeding penalty to finish second and give JGR and Toyota a 1-2 finish. Kurt Busch, who was headed for the win until the final caution was called with 10 laps remaining, was third. Ryan Newman, who used consistency to race his way into the championship round last year, was fourth and Kenseth was fifth to give JGR three drivers in the top-five. Johnson finished 11th. □



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Peterson, playing in front of a pro-Vikings crowd for the first time in 658 days, rushed 29 times for 134 yards after receiving a pregame standing ovation out of the tunnel and a couple of "AP! AP! AP!" chants from the fans on a sun-soaked afternoon.

Teddy Bridgewater played a smart, sharp game for Minnesota (1-1). He threw for one touchdown and ran for another. Matthew Stafford was erratic for the Lions (0-2), who fell behind 14-0 early in the second quarter.

CARDINAL 48, BEARS 23

CHICAGO (AP) — Carson Palmer threw for four touchdowns to lead Arizona in a game that saw Chicago lose Jay Cutler to a hamstring injury.

Palmer connected with Larry Fitzgerald for three TDs, David Johnson returned the opening kickoff a club-record 108 yards and added a rushing TD. And coach Bruce Arians gained a measure of revenge after the Bears hired Marc Trestman over him in January 2013. Arizona is 2-0; Chicago 0-2 under new coach John Fox.

STEELERS 43, 49ERS 18

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger passed for 369 yards and three touchdowns, DeAngelo Williams tied a team record with three rushing scores for Pittsburgh.

The Steelers (1-1) converted a pair of 2-point attempts in the first half to seize momentum and had little trouble with San Francisco (1-1). Antonio Brown caught nine passes for 195 yards and



Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) breaks away from Tennessee Titans cornerback Coty Sensabaugh (24) in the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, in Cleveland.

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two touchdowns for Pittsburgh, which rolled up 453 total yards despite having the ball for only 23 minutes. Colin Kaepernick threw for 335 yards and two scores.

PATRIOTS 40, BILLS 32

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Tom Brady threw for 466 yards — the second-most of his career — and three touchdowns in leading New England. Julian Edelman scored two touchdowns, and the Patriots (2-0) needed to stave off a fourth-quarter rally after building a 37-13 lead through three

quarters against Buffalo (1-1). New England's Stephen Gostkowski hit a 25-yard field goal with 1:15 left. The Bills' final drive ended on the next play from scrimmage when Tyrod Taylor's pass tipped off the hands of Sammy Watkins and was intercepted by Logan Ryan. Brady improved to 24-3 against Buffalo, and his passing yards were the most ever by a Bills opponent.

BENGALS 24, CHARGERS 19

CINCINNATI (AP) — Andy Dalton threw three touchdown passes, and Cincinnati quickly ended Philip Rivers' streak of perfect passing.

Dalton's 9-yard throw to Tyler Eifert put the Bengals (2-0) in control midway through the fourth quarter. San Diego (1-1) set up Cincinnati's first touchdown with a fumble.

Giovani Bernard took over as the running back after Jeremy Hill lost two fumbles. He finished with 123 yards. Rivers' streak of consecutive completions ended at 22, a Chargers record. The streak was two shy of Donovan McNabb's NFL record

of 24.

FALCONS, 24, GIANTS 20

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Julio Jones caught a perfect 37-yard pass from Matt Ryan, setting up Devonta Freeman's 2-yard touchdown run with 1:14 remaining, lifting Atlanta over New York. Jones was unstoppable in the Falcons' second straight victory, tying the club record with 13 receptions, good for 135 yards. His biggest catch was down the left sideline behind Prince Amukamara in the final moments. □

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Carli Lloyd has hat trick, U.S. women rout Haiti 8-0



United States' Carli Lloyd, right and Haiti's Jennifer Limage fight for the ball in the first half during the US Women's World Cup victory tour, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, in Birmingham, Ala.

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JOHN ZENOR
AP Sports Writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Carli Lloyd had her second straight three-goal game to lead the United States to an 8-0 victory over Haiti on Sunday in a friendly. Lloyd scored all three goals in the first half for her fifth hat trick and second in three days, then sat out the second half. She also did it Thursday night in the first game against Haiti, which substituted for the Australian team mired in a labor dispute. She has 16 goals this year, one more than her previous high set in 2012 and matched in 2014. Lloyd has 14 goals in her last eight matches as the Americans continue their Women's World Cup victory tour that so far has been a series of routs. The Americans pushed

their home winning streak to 100 matches, going to 88-0-12. They haven't lost at home since falling to Denmark on Nov. 6, 2004, during a post-Olympic celebratory tour. Tougher competition awaits with a pair of October matches against Brazil in Seattle and Orlando, Florida. Lloyd scored her third goal on a header in the 39th minute. She had just missed another first-half goal but her shot off a corner kick bounced off the cross guard. The U.S. has outscored Haiti 42-0 in six meetings. Crystal Dunn's goal in the 17th minute was her second in the two games with Haiti, also marking her first two with the U.S. team. Dunn, who led the NWSL with 15 goals for the Washington Spirit, was among

the final players cut from the World Cup team. Julie Johnston scored in the first minute to start the barrage. Amy Rodriguez, Alex Morgan and Heather O'Reilly added second-half goals. It was the Americans' first match in Birmingham since 2008, a 5-4 victory over Australia when the U.S. scored two own goals and nearly blew a 4-1 lead. The crowd of 35,753 at Legion Field was the largest to see a standalone game in the Southeast. The Americans have won nine straight overall since a 0-0 tie against Sweden in the group stage of the World Cup and are unbeaten in 20 matches (17-0-3) since an exhibition loss at France in February. With a starting lineup that included two 16-year-olds and three 17-year-olds, the

Haitians seldom managed to push the ball across mid-field. Becky Sauerbrunn made

her first start for the U.S. as a central midfielder. Her previous 68 starts came as a central defender. □



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BMC Racing of U.S. wins team time trial title in Richmond

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RICHMOND, Va. (AP) —

Taylor Phinney roared to the front for BMC Racing as the team headed toward the finish line, thousands of fans lining both sides of the downtown boulevard created a tunnel of noise.

All that cheering for an American rider leading a U.S.-based team to time trial victory in the first road cycling world championships to be held on U.S. soil in nearly three decades.

"It's kind of hard to process this for me, personally," Phinney said.

The reigning team time trial champions, BMC Racing covered the undulating, 24-mile course in 42 minutes, 7 seconds, beating Belgian rival Etixx-QuickStep by 12 seconds Sunday.

Spanish team Movistar finished in 42:38 to capture the bronze medal.

"It's been kind of a whirlwind the last couple of years," said Phinney, who missed worlds last year while recovering from a career-threatening crash at the U.S. road championships. "We came here with a really strong team, guys that won the race last year. To win is fantastic."

In the women's race, Velocio-SRAM won its fourth consecutive championship earlier in the day by rallying over the final miles to upstage Dutch rival Boels-Dolmans and its American rider, Evelyn Stevens, by just 6 seconds. The Rabo-Liv team finished in third.

"It's a really nice feeling. We had a bit of a hard year," said Trixi Worrack, a member of all four gold



BMC race team coach Jim Ochowicz, center, poses with the team on the winners podium after the Men's Team Time Trials for the UCI Road World Championships in Richmond, Va., Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015.

Associated Press

medal-winning teams. "We've improved a lot and we're really happy."

In the men's race, BMC Racing was labeled the early favorite after snagging gold last year in Spain. In fact, it was so strong that a member of that team, Peter Velits, was left off the six-man lineup for this year's race. Phinney was instead joined by Australian star Rohan Dennis, Silvan Dillier, Stefan Kueing, Daniel Oss and Manuel Quinziato.

They were fast right from the start at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, posting

the quickest time at each of the three intermediate checkpoints. But their advantage was a scant 6 seconds over Etixx-QuickStep as the red-and-black train made the tough climb to the finishing straight.

"We had our split times, the official ones and the ones from the team," said Etixx-QuickStep's Tony Martin, "so throughout the race we knew it was going to come down to us and BMC."

With the finish line in sight, Phinney took to the front for BMC Racing, leading the top American team to victory in the first world

championships in the U.S. since 1986.

"This was a huge goal for us as a team," Phinney said. "You could have asked me a month ago if I was going to be here, the team time trial world champion — it's surreal, man."

Phinney's work isn't done, either. He gives the U.S. team its best shot in the individual time trial this week, then will line up for his home nation in next weekend's road race.

"I'm excited to put on the USA kit and get out there and represent my country," he said.

Team Sky, one of the medal contenders, made the start after a training crash Saturday left three riders with injuries.

Danny Pate had heavy bandages on his right elbow and knee, while Elia Viviani dropped off the pace line early with an ailing knee. The team finished ninth.

Tinkoff-Saxo's podium hopes were dashed when Michael Rogers and Michael Valgren touched wheels and went down hard. They eventually remounted and finished last among the 27 teams. □



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APNewsBreak: South Korea-backed app puts children at risk

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— Security researchers say they found critical weaknesses in a South Korean government-mandated child surveillance app — vulnerabilities that left the private lives of the country's youngest citizens open to hackers.

In separate reports released Sunday, Internet watchdog group Citizen Lab and German software auditing company Cure53 said they found a catalogue of worrying problems with "Smart Sheriff," the most popular of more than a dozen child monitoring programs South Korea requires for new smartphones sold to minors.

"There was literally no security at all," Cure53 director Mario Heiderich said. "We've never seen anything that fundamentally broken."

Smart Sheriff and its fellow surveillance apps are meant to serve as electronic baby sitters, letting parents know how much time their children are spending with their phones, keeping kids off objectionable websites and even alerting parents if their children send or receive messages with words like "bully" or "pregnancy."

In April, Seoul required new smartphones sold to those 18 and under to be equipped with such software — a first-of-its-kind move, according to Korea University law professor Park Kyung-sin.

The Korean Communications Commission has promoted Smart Sheriff and schools have sent out letters to parents encouraging them to download the



In this Sept. 18, 2015, photo, Ryu Jong-myeong, chief executive of security firm SoTIS, speaks during an interview at his office in Seoul, South Korea.

app.

Sometime afterward, Citizen Lab, based at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs, and Cure53, acting on a request from the Washington-based Open Technology Fund, began sifting through Smart Sheriff's code.

What they found was "really, really bad," Heiderich said.

Children's phone numbers, birth dates, web browsing history and other personal data were being sent across the Internet unencrypted, making them easy to intercept. Authentication weaknesses meant Smart Sheriff could easily be hijacked, turned off or tricked into sending bogus alerts to parents. Even worse, they found that many weaknesses could be exploited at scale, meaning that thousands —

or even all — of the app's 380,000 users could be compromised at once.

"Smart Sheriff is the kind of baby sitter that leaves the doors unlocked and throws a party where everyone is invited," said Collin Anderson, an independent researcher who collaborated with Citizen Lab on its report.

Citizen Lab said it alerted MOIBA, the association of South Korean mobile operators that developed and operated the app, to the problems on Aug. 3. When contacted Friday, MOIBA said the vulnerabilities had been fixed.

"As soon as we received the email in August, we immediately took action," said Noh Yong-lae, a manager in charge of the Smart Sheriff app.

The researchers were skeptical.

"We suspect that very little

of these measures taken actually remedy issues that we've flagged in the report," Anderson said, adding that he believed at least one of MOIBA's fixes had opened a new weakness in the program. Independent experts also weren't impressed with Smart Sheriff.

Ryu Jong-myeong, chief executive of security firm SoTIS, said the app did now appear to be encrypting its transmissions. But he was scathing about some of the other failures uncovered by Citizen Lab, giving the Smart Sheriff's server infrastructure a security rating of zero out of 10.

"People who made Smart Sheriff cared nothing about protecting private data," he said.

Kwon Seok-chul, chief executive of computer security firm Cuvepia Inc., said the lingering weaknesses

meant children's data was still at risk.

"From a hacker's point of view, (the door) stays open," he said.

Many smartphone applications are unsafe, leaking private data or sending or storing it in risky ways.

But Citizen Lab Director Ronald Deibert said Smart Sheriff — a government-mandated program intended to monitor the intimate moments of so many children's lives — merited special scrutiny.

"This is not just a fitness tracker," Deibert said. "It's an application meant to satiate parents' concerns about their children's use of mobile or social media, which is in fact putting them at more risk."

Park, the law professor, said the security flaws should push the government "to revisit the whole idea of requiring a personal communication device to be equipped with software that allows another person to monitor and control that device."

Some South Korean parents may soldier on with Smart Sheriff regardless. Lee Kyung-hwa, a mother of two whose Cyber Parents Union On Net endorses child surveillance, says all the app needs is an upgrade.

"If mothers feel happy thanks to the app, it is still helpful," she said.

But Kim Kha Yeun, a general counsel at libertarian-minded Open Net Korea, predicted that the revelations would turn parents against the technology.

"If they knew that the apps infect and endanger their children, I don't think any South Korean parents would want their children to have this monitoring app," he said. □

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China's shifting economy mints US corporate winners, losers

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China is losing its appetite for dump trucks, iron ore and construction cranes. But the Chinese still want to travel and give their kids a better education.

Growth in the world's second-largest economy is decelerating and rattling financial markets around the world. Behind that slowdown is an evolutionary shift in China's economy— from a dependence on exports and investment in factories and housing — to a reliance on spending by its emerging middle class.

That transition, a gradual and perhaps painful one, will affect which U.S. companies stand to benefit and which will be squeezed as China's growth slides from the double-digit annual rates of the mid-2000s to 7 percent, 6 percent, maybe even less.

The shift is likely to pinch American manufacturers that prospered during China's investment boom — makers of heavy construction equipment and industrial machinery, for instance.

But the service sector — a broad category that includes things like restaurant meals, haircuts and hotel stays — remains "reasonably robust" and has been a dominant driver of China's growth since the first half of 2012, said economist Nicholas Lardy, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

"Yes, China is slowing," said Jeremy Haft, an entrepreneur, consultant and author of the forthcoming book "Unmade in China: The Hidden Truth about China's Economic Miracle." "But households have huge (savings). People

need to keep eating, walking, powering their homes."

Chinese consumers now have more discretionary income to spend on enter-

tainment, education and travel after years of robust economic growth. That

additional income has created a bright outlook for companies that serve them. The Princeton Review, a



An employee works in a textile factory in Huaibei in central China's Anhui province. The world's second largest economy is decelerating, and the prospect of its slowing growth is rattling financial markets around the world. But China also is shifting _ from a dependence on exports and investment in factories, infrastructure and housing to a reliance on consumer spending from the country's emerging middle class.
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Natick, Massachusetts, company that helps students prepare for standardized tests and college entrance exams, remains bullish on China. The company declines to provide specific sales numbers. But the number of Chinese students enrolling in U.S. colleges is growing by double digits every year.

"We do not see any slowdown in the future," said Steven Chou, international vice president at Princeton Review. Also doing well are American companies that make things in China and export them back to the United

States, where economic growth is solid. Haft, for example, runs a company that exports U.S. cattle hides to China. Business is booming, he says,

because the Chinese turn the hides into wallets and ship them back to the United States, where the economy and consumer demand are comparatively healthy. Recent trade numbers highlight the changes: U.S. merchandise exports to China rose just 0.2 percent in the second quarter to \$30.5 billion from a year earlier. By contrast, services exports, which include tourism and banking, surged nearly 14 percent to \$11.97 billion.

Boeing Co., the biggest provider of commercial jets in China, forecasts demand for 6,330 new jetliners in that country by 2034, with a value of \$950 billion. Most of those new planes will handle passenger growth. Company executives said in a recent podcast that they're see-

ing "tremendous" demand for international flights, and they also expect a surge in demand for cargo-carrying aircraft.

At General Motors, which

population already has a house," he said. "They've got a lot of very under-utilized real estate."

Market-wide demand for medium- and heavy-duty trucks in China plunged 30 percent in the first half of the year. That's not good for a company like diesel engine maker Cummins Inc., which draws between 10 percent and 15 percent of its revenue from China. But the company's results show that picking winners and losers of China's shift isn't as simple as identifying broad industries that are experiencing either growth or slowing demand. Cummins' second-quarter sales in China advanced 6 percent to \$916 million, thanks in part to a government push for tighter emissions standards. Those standards are fueling demand for new engines and parts that help older ones cut pollutants.

China's slowdown is expected to contribute to a year-over-year decline in the total revenue for roughly 60 chip companies in the current quarter ending in September, predicted B Riley analyst Craig Ellis. It would be the first quarterly drop in three years.

But these companies are also somewhat insulated because they supply Chinese factories run by contractors hired by Apple and other device makers. Those factory orders are more heavily influenced by consumer demand for finished smartphones, tablets and other products in the United States, Europe, Japan and other markets.

"No chip company is going to be completely immune" to China's slowdown, Ellis said. "But it's also important to distinguish where the hardware is being built and where it's being consumed." □

sells more vehicles in China than any of its U.S.-based competitors, sales in July slipped 4 percent compared with a year ago. But the company's first-half sales in China rose 4.4 percent to a record 1.7 million vehicles, and the carmaker still forecasts single-digit growth for the rest of the year. So far, the shift is hurting companies that have benefited from China's building boom. Construction equipment giant Caterpillar, for instance, said its Asia-Pacific region sales dropped 21 percent in the second quarter — a casualty of a slowing China. China is facing a construction glut, which is leading to a deceleration in property investment that will likely bottom over the next few quarters, Lardy, the economist, said. "Ninety percent of the

Of Mutual Interest:

What's next for bond funds after the Fed's decision?

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Relief washed over the bond market this week after the

prices. And even though the Federal Reserve didn't raise its benchmark for short-term rates this past week, the majority of its

most optimistic manager acknowledges: Bond funds won't do as good a job as in prior years, because they're paying much less

demand for existing bonds falls because their yields suddenly look less attractive. That makes their prices drop.

To see what rising rates can do to bond mutual funds, look to 2013, when the yield on the 10-year Treasury nearly doubled in eight months. The average intermediate-term bond fund lost 1.4 percent.

Investors can insulate themselves by buying individual bonds and holding them until maturity. That way, even if the market price drops for a bond, they won't necessarily feel it. But they would lose out on the extra income that a new, higher-yielding bond would have provided. Plus, most investors prefer a diversified fund portfolio of thousands of bonds.

largest category of bond funds focuses on those maturing in four to 10 years.

Several factors are keeping inflation low, including the plummeting price of oil and the scarcity of pay raises for many workers. Global economic growth is also under pressure as China's gains slow sharply, while Europe and Japan struggle to kick start theirs.

Add that together with the slow, steady pace that the Federal Reserve has promised for short-term interest rates, and fund managers expect longer-term interest rates to rise modestly and gradually. In that scenario, bond funds could avoid losses. Their price will drop as interest rates rise, but the income they produce could help offset the declines. And the income could be reinvested in higher-yielding bonds.



In this June, 2015 photo, people walk past the Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building in Washington. Federal Reserve policymakers have slightly lowered their projections for growth and inflation in the next two years, an outlook that likely factored into their decision to hold off on raising interest rates.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

Federal Reserve decided to hold off on hiking interest rates. But many investors were left to wonder: Was it just a temporary reprieve? The stakes are high for bond mutual funds, which are supposed to be the safe part of our portfolios. Investors have been fretting for years that interest rates are set to rise, something that would knock down bond

policymaking committee still expects it to happen later this year.

Even so, bond funds can still be a shock absorber, offering some stability when the stock market goes on another of its dizzying drops, fund managers say. They're looking to offer reassurance following predictions for big losses for bonds. There's just one caveat that even the

in interest. "I don't think it's going to be Armageddon" when the Federal Reserve does hike interest rates, says Jim Kochan, chief fixed-income strategist for Wells Fargo Funds Management. "It's a healthy move away from zero."

-WHY RISING RATES ARE A FEAR

When interest rates rise,

-WHY BOND FUNDS CAN AVOID BIG LOSSES

The Federal Reserve controls interest rates for very short-term loans, ones that banks make to each other overnight. It has less control over longer-term interest rates.

A big factor influencing 10-year Treasury yields is where inflation and economic growth are heading, and neither looks all that strong. That should help limit the rise of longer-term rates, fund managers say. The

-WHY EXPECTATIONS HAVE TO BE LOWER THAN BEFORE

Bond funds have historically helped give a sense of security when the stock market plummets. During the 2008 financial crisis, the largest category of stock funds lost 37.8 percent, while many bond funds posted gains.

And among funds that lost money, bond funds generally had more modest losses than stock funds. □

VW chief "sorry" after EPA says firm skirted clean air law

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AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CEO of Volkswagen apologized Sunday and VW customers said they felt duped after the Environmental Protection Agency revealed that the German automaker skirted clean air rules by rigging emissions tests for about 500,000 diesel cars.

"I personally am deeply sorry that we have broken the trust of our customers and the public," Volkswagen chief Martin Winterkorn said in a statement. He said VW has ordered an investi-

gation and promised that the company would cooperate with regulators.

The EPA said Friday that VW used software that allowed its diesel cars to release fewer smog-causing pollutants during tests than in real-world driving conditions. The cars, built in the last seven years, include the Audi A3, VW Jetta, Beetle, Golf and Passat models. The agency ordered VW to fix the cars at its own expense. VW also faces fines that could add up to billions of dollars.

VW edged out Toyota to become the world's top-selling automaker the first

half of 2015. But a hit to its reputation from the emissions revelations could hamper its efforts at a sales rebound in the U.S. Between 2013 and 2014, VW brand sales plummeted 10 percent even as overall industry sales rose 6 percent. U.S. buyers want SUVs, and Volkswagen doesn't have competitive vehicles to offer them.

The influential magazine Consumer Reports almost immediately suspended its "recommended" rating from the Jetta and Passat diesels until it can get a recall repair and re-test the cars.

Volkswagen marketed the diesel-powered cars, which account for about 25 percent of sales, as being better for the environment. After the EPA announcement, the automaker withdrew ads for its diesel cars from youtube.com and asked dealers to stop selling 2015 diesel cars with 2.0-liter engines, according to a person familiar with the matter who requested anonymity. Some VW customers were furious.

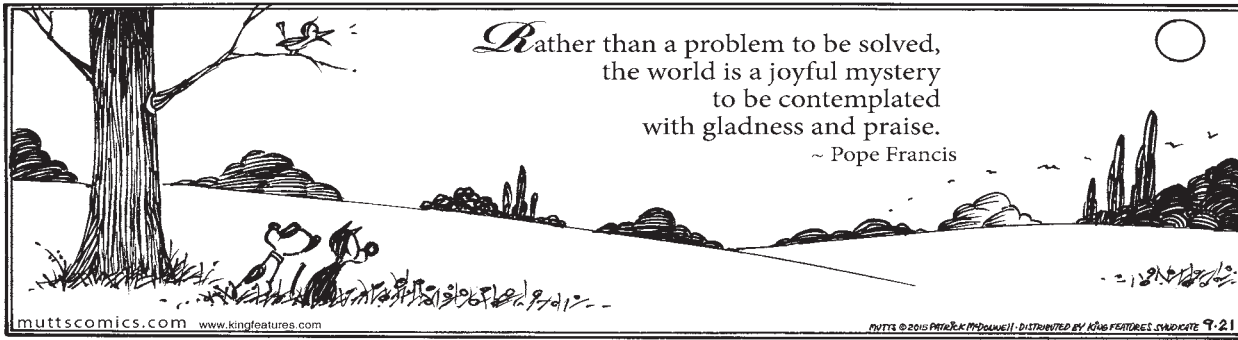
Zeeshan Shah, 39, of Fulton, Maryland, said that he bought a Volkswagen Diesel Passat 2015 model in July after he totaled his

Jetta two years ago.

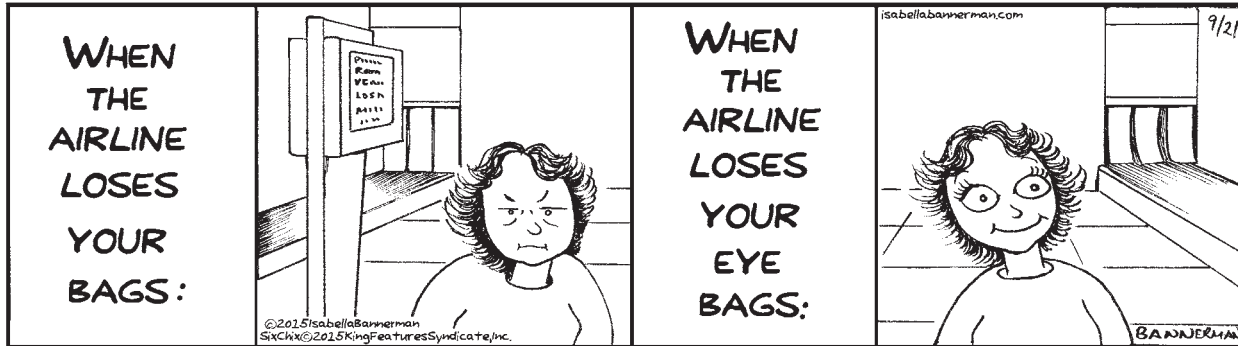
"The selling point," for the Diesel Passat was that the technology was so good, he said. Now, Shah said he plans to bring the car back to the local dealer to have it examined and doesn't want to buy another Volkswagen. "Once they cheat you on this issue, what other issues can they cheat you on?" he said. "You don't trust them."

San Francisco resident Marsha Riggs, who owns a 2009 Jetta SportWagen, said she was shocked. "I bought this car because I thought it was clean," she said. "And it's not clean." □

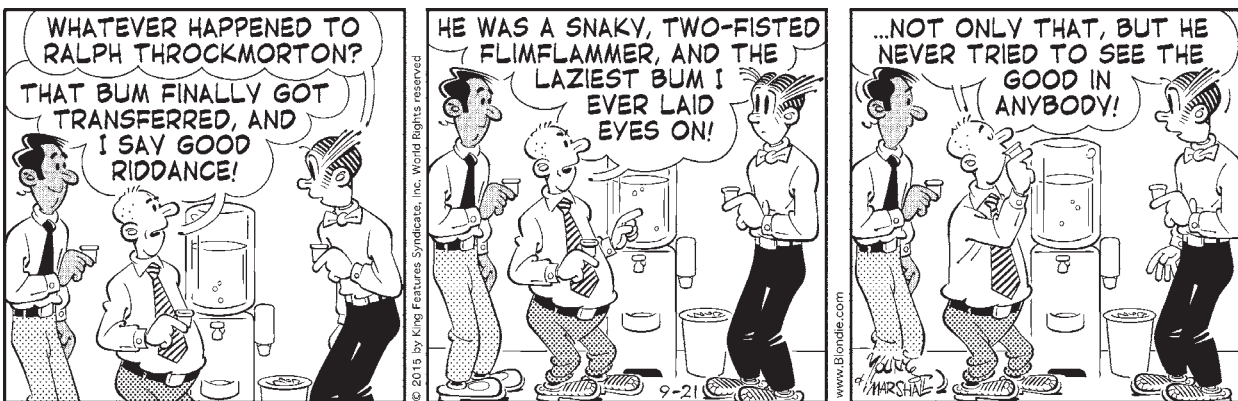
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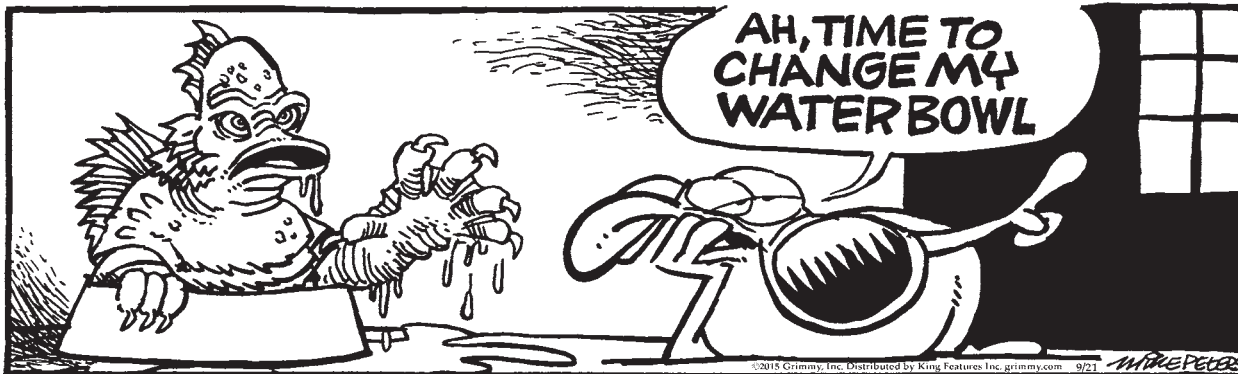
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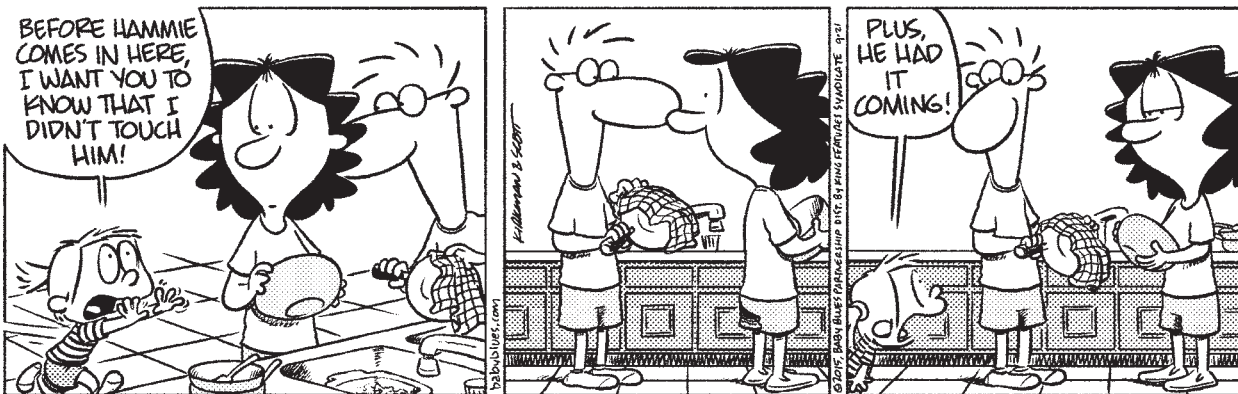
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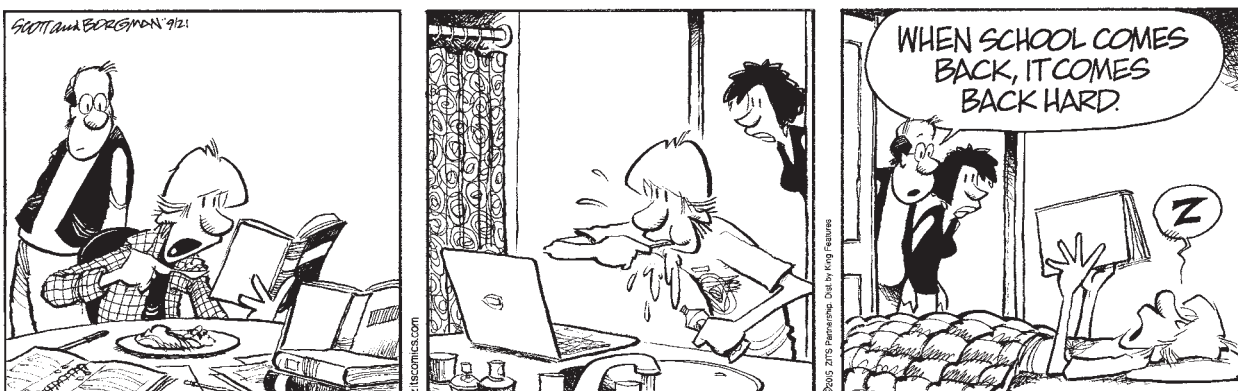
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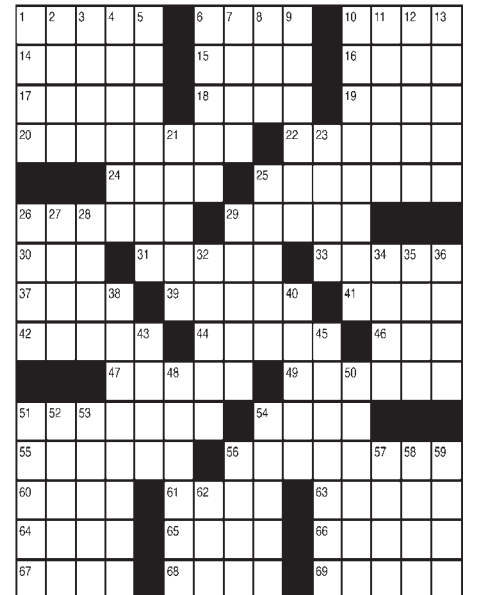
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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3	2	8	7	4	5	6	9	1
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ACROSS

- Made a mistake
- Take a ___ at; attempt
- Crawling bugs
- Rent long-term
- Racing sled
- Bucket
- Makes booties
- Flows back
- Explorer Marco
- Soft drinks
- Longest river entirely in England
- Diplomacy
- Lamebrained
- "___ or leave it"
- Ruby or topaz
- "What's the ___?"; cry of despair
- Counter an argument
- Bursting at the ___; too full
- Touches lightly
- Cup-shaped flower
- Let fall
- Up to the time that
- Wood for a hope chest
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- Hardbacks and paperbacks
- Decrease
- Cloth makers
- Skillful
- Conclusion
- Women's group on campus
- Related; similar
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- Numerical comparison
- Wooden shoe
- Tack
- Penny-pincher
- Skirt edges
- Nimble
- Entrap



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- Forest animals

- Former Atty. Gen. Janet ___
- Bug spray
- Manor and the land around it
- Hopelessness
- Slumbered
- Bathers' spots
- Initials for the phone inventor
- ___ upon; give to, as a gift
- Horried
- Singer Judd
- Flooring pieces
- Walk in water
- Group of eight
- Garden tools
- Smelly
- Nobel-winning African bishop
- As wise ___ owl
- Didn't get rid of
- Novelist Verne
- Dollars
- ___ and crafts
- Oliver's request
- Twirl
- Close relatives

- Phrase
- Lacy little mat
- Mix in a bowl
- "___ boy!"; new parents' cry
- Bleachers level
- Days of ___; olden times
- Afternoon rest

Booby-trapped? New auction set for tax militants' properties



This 2007 photo shows the home of Ed and Elaine Brown in Plainfield, N.H. The tax-evading couple are serving lengthy sentences after being convicted of amassing an arsenal of weapons and holding law enforcement at bay for nine months in 2007. (AP Photo/Jim Cole)

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Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Federal officials are trying once more to sell properties formerly owned by a pair of tax militants that include a 100-acre parcel that might be booby-trapped.

The first auction 13 months ago of the properties seized from Ed and Elaine Brown failed to field any bidders, in part because potential buyers couldn't tour the 100 acres around their fortress-like home in Plainfield. A second auction is planned for October. The towns of Plainfield and Lebanon, where Elaine Brown's former dental office is located, are owed hundreds of thousands of dollars in back taxes and interest.

The Browns are now in their 70s. They were sentenced to five years in prison for tax evasion and staged a nine-month standoff in 2007 with U.S. marshals who came to take them into custody. Both are serving sentences of more than 30 years in

prison.

Deputy U.S. Marshall Brenda Mikelson, who ran the first auction, said Roger Sweeney of the Internal Revenue Service's Property Appraisal and Liquidation Specialists is in charge of the second auction. He didn't return several calls seeking comment.

The division specializes in liquidating seized property nationwide. Officials say this tactic will promote the properties to a broader audience.

The conditions, laid out in a recent court order, say successful bidders will have 45 days to arrange financing this time, up from seven.

The minimum bids for both properties have been reduced by half — \$125,000 for the compound and \$250,000 for the office.

It remains to be seen whether prospective bidders will be allowed around the home beforehand. Concerns that booby traps and explosives may be buried on the densely wooded property kept it off-limits. Marshals also were concerned that Brown sympathizers, including Randy Weaver of the 1992 Ruby Ridge standoff, would flock to the property if it's showcased. □

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French startup claims development of in-vitro human sperm

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LYON, France (AP) — A

French startup working with a top government lab said it has developed in-vitro human sperm, claiming a breakthrough in infertility treatment sought for more than a decade.

Researchers with Kallistem had announced the discovery previously, but they and French government lab CNRS described how it works for the first time Thursday after taking out a patent on the process.

They have developed sperm from immature cells known as spermatogonial cells, which are present in all males, including pre-pubescent boys, and under normal conditions develop into sperm cells once puberty starts.

The technology must now be clinically tested, a process that is particularly painstaking for any treatment involving reproduction.

Philippe Durand, the chief Kallistem researcher, said the genesis of the research was indications that male fertility was declining, which he said could be attributed to environmental factors.

Since "at the heart of the problem is the interior of the testicle," he said, that was what they first tried to replicate in the lab.

The research team developed a bioreactor using a viscous fluid made partly of substances found in the walls of mushrooms or in crustacean shells to reproduce the conditions within the body. They first used rat cells, then young monkey cells, then finally human cells.

The main challenge was reproducing in the lab a



French researchers Philippe Durand, left, in charge of sciences at Kallistem startup, Marie-Helene Perrard, co-founder of Kallistem and Laurent David, a scientist at Lyon University, pose at the elite scientific university of Lyon (ENS), central France, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015.

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complex physiological development process that usually lasts 72 days in a human, from immature cell to sperm.

In each case, "they took the entire path they would have taken in the testicle in our in-vitro system," said Durand, who worked with colleagues at CNRS and the elite Lyon 1 university.

CNRS researcher Marie-Helene Perrard, who also helped found Kallistem,

said young men with cancer that could cause fertility issues later in their lives would be the first type of patient who could be helped by the process. She said their fertility could be preserved by developing mature sperm from their immature cells, then freezing it.

The research team said the technology could help treat issues affecting 15,000 young cancer patients and

120,000 men worldwide whose infertility cannot be treated any other way.

Ultimately, it has the potential to be a significant addition to infertility treatments that often bypass men altogether, said Liberty Barnes, a research associate at the University of Cambridge and author of a book on male infertility who has no connection to the work being done in France.

As many as 15 percent of

couples are infertile, according to the Mayo Clinic. Barnes said men and women each account for about 30 percent of infertility cases, with a combination of factors accounting for the remaining 40 percent.

"As a culture we presume that when a couple is infertile it's a woman's problem," Barnes said. "Infertile men are disappointed that there aren't more options for them." □

'Maze Runner' sequel outpaces 'Black Mass' at box office

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AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "The Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" edged out Johnny Depp's "Black Mass" at box office, as the two films split young and old moviegoers in half on the first weekend of the fall movie season. 20th Century Fox's sequel to "The Maze Runner" earned an estimated \$30.3 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. While that came in slightly below the debut of the 2014 young-adult dystopian sci-fi original, it counted as a win for a movie that cost \$61 million to make. Warner Bros.' "Black Mass," starring Johnny Depp as Boston gangster Whitey Bulger, premiered with \$23.4 million. That's a strong sum for an R-rated adult drama, and it stabilizes a bad box-office run for Depp following "Mortdecai," "Transcendence" and "The Lone Ranger."



In this image released by 20th Century Fox, Jenny Gabrielle, from left, Dylan O'Brien and Rosa Salazar appear in a scene from the film, "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials." Associated Press

The audience for "The Scorch Trials" was 63 percent below the age of 25, according to Fox, while 89 percent of the audience for "Black Mass" was over

25, according to Warner Bros. The draw for "Black Mass" was Depp's icy performance as Bulger, which has garnered better reviews for

the actor and some Oscar buzz. Jeff Goldstein, head of domestic distribution for Warner Bros., said that 55 percent of the audience said in exit polls that Depp

was their reason for seeing the movie, which features an ensemble including Joel Edgerton and Benedict Cumberbatch. A diverse cast leading to a diverse audience was the key for "Scorch Trials," said Chris Aronson, head of domestic distribution for Fox. Wes Ball's adaptation of James Dashner's young-adult novel stars Dylan O'Brien, Ki Hong Lee and Kaya Scodelario. More than half of its audience was made up of minorities. It also performed well abroad, earning \$43.3 million internationally. But North American theaters had the distinct feel of fall, with a crowded slate of well-reviewed films — some of them awards hopefuls — opening in more limited release and hoping to build strong word of mouth for longer runs at the multiplex.

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Jackie Collins, novelist of the rich and scandalous, dies

ANDREW DALTON

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The novels of Jackie Collins dramatized the lives of the most elite people and places, but they were read by everyone, everywhere — from airports to beaches to, sometimes, under the covers with a flashlight to hide from disapproving parents and partners. Collins, whose books like “Hollywood Wives” were as brazenly sexual as they were proudly pulpy, sold hundreds of millions of novels in dozens of countries, and it led to a level of wealth, celebrity and glamour that in many ways surpassed her own characters, and arguably matched that of her older sister, “Dynasty” actress Joan Collins.

Collins died at age 77 of breast cancer in Los Angeles, her publicist Melody Korenbrot said.

Collins’ tales of sex, glamour, power and more sex were a forerunner to the culture of “Desperate Housewives” and “The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills.” Her books provided at first more than some wanted to hear, but she became the kind of author from whom readers could never get enough, providing forbidden fodder for housewives and for teenagers raiding their parents’ bookshelves.

Collins told The Associated Press in a 2011 interview that she “never felt bashful writing about sex.”

“As a writer, you can never think about who is going to read your books. Is it going to be my mom? My children? A lot of people say to me, ‘Oh, I read your books under a cover with a



In this Feb. 24, 2013 file photo, author Jackie Collins arrives at the 2013 Vanity Fair Oscars Viewing and After Party in West Hollywood, Calif. Collins, died in Los Angeles on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015, of breast cancer. She was 77.
Associated Press

flashlight when I was really young and I learned everything I know about sex from you.’ “

She was born Jacqueline Jill Collins in London in 1937, the daughter of a theatrical agent and a dance teacher.

Her first novel, “The World is Full of Married Men,” was a story of sex and show business set in “Swinging London” in the mid-1960s. It came out in 1968 and became a scandalous best-seller, banned in Australia and condemned by romance writer Barbara Cartland.

“Barbara Cartland said to me, ‘Oh, Miss Collins, your books are filthy and disgusting and you are responsible for all the perverts in England,’ “ Collins told Porter Magazine in 2014. “I pause for a few moments and said, ‘Thank you.’ “

Collins followed in the 1970s with books like “The World is Full of Divorced Women” and “Lovers & Gamblers.”

By the 1980s, she had moved to Los Angeles and turned out the 1983 novel she is still best known for, “Hollywood Wives,” which has sold more than 15 million copies. It came at the same time that her sister hit the height of her own fame on “Dynasty.”

“Dynasty” producer Aaron Spelling would also produce the 1985 hit TV miniseries of “Hollywood Wives,” which featured Candice Bergen, Angie Dickinson and Suzanne Somers, among others.

It led to follow-ups like “Hollywood Husbands” (1986), “Hollywood Kids” (1984) and “Hollywood Wives: The New Generation” (2001). The books made Jackie Collins a celebrity in her own right, and she loved

the part, looking, living and behaving more like an actress than an author. In many ways, her own persona was her greatest character.

Collins embraced Twitter in her later years, and she loved the engagement with her over 150,000 followers.

“I love tweeting. I have so much fun with my fans,” she told the AP in 2011. “I’ve asked them for reviews. I answer people’s questions. Sometimes I’ll do a little survey and say, ‘Who is hot this week?’ “

Many were using Twitter to mourn her Saturday night, including Oprah Winfrey, who Tweeted “RIP Jackie Collins. I always loved our interviews.”

Larry King Tweeted that Collins was a “true talent, a beautiful being and a dear friend.”

Collins’ books didn’t stick

strictly to Hollywood. She penned a series of mafia novels documenting the lives of the Santangelo family, focusing on its patriarch Gino and his daughter Lucky. She wrote nine novels based on the family that included her last, “The Santangelos,” published this year.

Collins told People magazine, which first reported her death Saturday, in her final interview Sept. 14 that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer over six years ago, but she had chosen to keep the news among family, confiding mainly in her three daughters, 54-year-old Tracy, 48-year-old Tiffany and 46-year-old Rory.

A family statement called Collins “a true inspiration, a trailblazer for women in fiction and a creative force. She will live on through her characters but we already miss her beyond words.”

Collins was married twice, the second time to art gallery and nightclub owner Oscar Lerman in 1965. Lerman died in 1992. She was then engaged to Los Angeles businessman Frank Calcagnini, who died in 1998.

Asked by the AP in 2011 if she was dating anyone, Collins said “I have a man for every occasion.”

“When I was a kid growing up, I used to read my father’s Playboy and I’d see these guys and they had fantastic apartments and cars,” she said. “I have all of that now. Why would I want to hook myself up with one man when I’ve had two fantastic men in my life? One was my husband for over 20 years, and one was my fiancé for six years.” □

Box Office

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Universal’s 3-D mountain-eering thriller “Everest,” starring Josh Brolin and Jason Clarke, opened with \$7.6 million, playing only on 545 IMAX and large-format screens. It expands wide

next weekend.

“Sicario,” the Lionsgate drug-war thriller starring Emily Blunt, Brolin and Benicio del Toro, opened in New York and Los Angeles ahead of its expansion over the next two weeks. In just six theaters, it took in \$390,000 with an excellent per-screen average of \$65,000.

The fall season, said Paul

Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office data firm Rentrak, got off to a good start, with a wealth of options for moviegoers and well-reviewed releases that can play beyond opening weekend.

“It’s about that playability, the long-term conversation on social media that keeps people buzzing about ‘Sicario,’ ‘Black Mass’ and

other films yet to come,” Dergarabedian said. “The moviegoing habit changes in the fall, not only how and when they go to the movies, but how they talk about the movies and for how long.”

Paramount Picture’s “Captive,” starring David Oyelowo and Kate Mara, however, struggled to find moviegoers. The faith-

based thriller couldn’t follow in the steps of the lucrative Christian drama “War Room,” grossing just \$1.4 million in 806 theaters. Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. □

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